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1. USINT OFFICER APRIL 27 BRIEFED MOHAMMED AHMED AL JUBURI, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, RAFIDAIN BANK, ON THE NEW USDOC INTERPRETATIONS OF THE EAA REGULATIONS. JUBURI THOUGHT THE ILLUSTRATIVE POSITIVE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN MIGHT BE AN ALTERNATIVE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOI. RAISING THE SAME POINTS AS DID MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL ABDUL HAMID (SEE BAGHDAD 898), HE ASKED IF US COMPANIES COULD CERTIFY IN LETTERS OF CREDIT THAT SHIPMENT WOULD BE MADE ACCORDING TO IRAQI LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND NOTED SELF-CERTIFICATION BY A US COMPANY THAT IT IS NOT BLACKLISTED DOES NOT MEET THE L/C'S REQUIREMENT FOR THIS INFORMATION ABOUT BRANCHES AND "MOTHER" COMPANIES.

2. HE ADVISED USINT OFFICER THAT THE TRADE REGULATION
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COUNCIL HAD APPROVED IN JANUARY 1978 EXCEPTIONS TO GOI REGULATIONS FOR SPARE PARTS FOR US-MADE EQUIPMENT AND FOR US-SOURCED ITEMS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE PROJECTS UNDERWAY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SO FAR THE RAFIDAIN BANK HAD RECEIVED NO L/C'S TO BE PROCESSED UNDER THESE EXCEPTIONS.

3. COMMENT: LIKE ABDUL HAMID, JUBURI FILLS A TECHNICAL POSITION AND PROBABLY HAS LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO ASCERTAIN OPINIONS OF POLITICAL-LEVEL AUTHORITIES WHO LIKELY WILL DECIDE BOYCOTT ISSUES.

4. A REPRESENTATIVE OF A U.S. FIRM HAS PROVIDED USINT WITH COPY OF TRADE REGULATION COUNCIL DECREE TO WHICH JUBURI REFERRED. TRANSLATION IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM. THIS COUNCIL IS THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL'S PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE BODY FOR INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION OF COMMERCIAL MATTERS AND IS CHAIRED BY RCC MEMBER AND MINISTER OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS TAHA YASSIN RAMADHAN.
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